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Three Alarm Fire on Lantana Drive

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – On Wednesday, June 18 at approximately 9:25 a.m., Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to a report of an outside fire endangering two single-family residences. First arriving units reported that a large cypress tree, approximately 30 feet tall, was fully engulfed in flames and that the residences on either side of the tree – 945 and 949 Lantana Drive – were also in flames. Crews initiated fire suppression activities inside both residences and toward the cypress tree. After attempting to knock down the fires inside the residences for several minutes, crews determined the fire had spread throughout the attic of each. As a result, crews evacuated from the structures due to collapse conditions and transitioned the fire suppression to a defensive operation to contain and extinguish the fire.

Crews determined that all residents had evacuated and were accounted for and there were no reported injuries. A dog was reported unaccounted for and later found deceased inside 945 Lantana Drive. The residence at 949 Lantana Drive was formerly a daycare; in the past year, the resident was only babysitting one child. Based upon the initial investigation and reports, fire investigators believe the fire started outside and then spread to both structures. Only two structures were involved and the surrounding properties were protected by the efforts of the crews responding to the scene.

Due to the amount of fire involving both structures, a third alarm fire was declared for personnel needs. Santa Clara City Fire provided personnel at the scene to assist with suppression efforts. Mountain View Fire, Santa Clara County Fire and Santa Clara City Fire covered Sunnyvale stations during the event. More than 30 firefighters and 12 apparatus were deployed at the scene along with the assistance of the Santa Clara County Fire Associates, a volunteer support organization.

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A large amount of smoke was visible for several miles due to the fire. There were no reported firefighter injuries at the scene during the operation. Both residences are uninhabitable and the families have been provided assistance through the Red Cross for temporary shelter. The public can make donations to the families through the Red Cross at [RedCross.org](https://www.RedCross.org) by indicating 'Sunnyvale Lantana Drive Fire' in the dedication.

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